

Sinclair Broadcasting is damaging our democracy. The FCC should be every bit as concerned about overly powerful broadcasting groups steamrolling public interest as Sinclair is doing, as it is about the event of commonly used words being heard on air. When a broadcasting group so abuses its responsibility to the people -- imagine not allowing even the names of our good soldiers who have died in Iraq to be read!! -- they should be sanctioned and stop. Not only should you prevent the showing of "Stolen Honor," you should break up this group (none should have power to reach a fourth of the population!) and consider taking away their license.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.